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SUBJECT:GROUP AGRICULTURE MEETING/EC NOTIFICATION ISSUE

REF: A)MTN GE 1720; B) EC BRUSSELS 2291; C) MTN GE 1882

1. OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH COMMISSION AND DELEGATION
OFFICIALS CONFIRMS INFO CONTAINED REF B. LARSEN,

GUNDELACH'S CHEF DE CABINET REITERATED THAT EC HAD NO DESIRE TO RESURRECT PROCEDURAL ISSUES AND GUNDELACH STOOD BEHIND THE STATEMENTS HE HAD MADE IN WASHINGTON, NAMELY THAT IT WAS TIME TO AVOID TRENCH WARFARE AND PROCEED TO DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANCE. HE ADDED THAT EC WOULD COOPERATE FULLY TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO BLOW-UP OVER THIS AGENDA ITEM AT MARCH 28 MEETING AND THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN SENT TO COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES IN GENEVA, TO ENSURE THAT THE MATTER IS HANDLED ON A LOW-KEY BASIS.

2. WE AGREE WITH MTN DEL RECOMMENDATION THAT THE ISSUE BE HANDLED ON A LOW-KEY BASIS AND SUGGEST THAT AN APPROPRIATE SCENARIO BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN MTN DEL AND EC REPRESENTATIVES IN GENEVA. IF EC DOES NOT INITIATE CONTACT U.S. DEL SHOULD DO SO PRIOR TO MARCH 16 MEETING. THE APPROACH FAVORED BY WASHINGTON WOULD BE TO HAVE THE CHAIRMAN OF GROUP AGRICULTURE NOTE WHEN THIS AGENDA ITEM

IS RAISED THAT "THERE ARE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BETWEEN A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES ON THIS POINT AND SUGGEST THAT THOSE COUNTRIES ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE BY DISCUSSIONS AMONG THEMSELVES." THIS STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN COULD EITHER FOLLOW OR BE IN LIEU OF BRIEF U.S. AND EC COMMENTS. WE PREFER THE LATTER.

3. IF EC IS AGREEABLE TO SUCH A SCENARIO WE WOULD NOT FEEL IT NECESSARY TO CIRCULATE A NOTE TO MTN PARTICIPANTS (AS RECOMMENDED REF C) IN RESPONSE TO EC'S NOTE AND WOULD ONLY COMMENT ON THIS ISSUE AT GROUP AG MEETING
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IF EC FELT COMPELLED TO DO SO.

4. SINCE THE PURPOSE OF THE MARCH 28 GROUP AGRICULTURE MEETING IS REVIEW OF THE STANDARDS CODE WE ASSUME THAT ANY DISCUSSION OF THE EC NOTIFICATION ISSUE WILL FOLLOW AND NOT INTERFERE WITH THE REVIEW AND EXAMINATION OF THE CODE.

5. WE SUGGEST THAT ANY CONSULTATIONS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS UNDER THE NTM PROCEDURES BE DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER THE MARCH 28 MEETING.
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